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Applicant(s): DeMEUTER et al.)
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**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3)**

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